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He has followed the sea throughout his life and prefers tankers to cargo vessels. He answered the questions readily and appeared to be sincere. However, this was the interviewer's first contact with him.

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1. Our ship called at Punta Cardón on 6 April 1954 to load fuel oil.
2. New Jetties. Two new jetties have been built of the same size and construction as the two which were already there. [See Volume II of National Intelligence Survey, Venezuela] These jetties, like the two constructed earlier, are to serve two purposes: as oil wharves and as wharves to receive general cargo. The new piers are like the older ones in capacity: they can handle two ocean-going tankers on their extremities and two lake-type tankers at the inner berths. If water depth alongside is adequate, four ocean-going tankers of the size of our ship can be accommodated at each pier. [Source's ship is reportedly 507 feet in length and of 10,644 gross tons]
3. New Tanks Being Built. In addition to the storage tanks previously reported at this port, additional tanks are being constructed but I do not know the number or size, nor which piers the new tanks will service.

Fueling Rate

4. We took fuel on board at the rate of 1500 tons per hour but that rate was chosen by us due to the sluicing characteristics of our ship and not because they couldn't have loaded it at a higher rate if it had been desired. Probably they could load up to 3000 tons per hour. It took about two minutes to change the rate of receiving fuel during the loading operation. There was a telephone on the dock directly connected with the pumping station which was located about one quarter of a mile away. Loading service was considered to be excellent.

Miscellaneous. I have been calling at Punta Cardón for only about five months. During that time I have noticed no changes in labor conditions, or the operations, methods used or efficiency of the port.

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